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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Carlo Myers (3) Winfried Siffrer
(2) David Resnick (4) Gottfried Schull
Date of Interview 3-4-02

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No If yes, brief description: _____Agreement was reached. was not reached.Claim(s) discussed: A VI

Identification of prior art discussed: _____

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: suggested procedure references or declaration showing an association between G protein dysregulation in general & a broad spectrum of diseases + possibly amending the claims to limit the claims to methods to diagnose disease associated with G protein dysregulation. Discussed written description issues associated with broadly claiming any mutation in the G protein B3 subunit

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

- It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

- Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an attachment to another form.

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure - Section 713.04 Substance of Interview must Be Made of Record

A complete record must be made of the substance of any personal or telephonic interview with regard to an application prior to such interview if the application is still open and the examiner has knowledge of the interview.

§1.134 Interviews

Interviews may be held at the Office or by telephone. An interview may be held at the Office or by telephone at the discretion of the examiner. The examiner may record the interview in writing or orally.

It is the duty of the examiner to record the substance of any interview in writing. The examiner may record the interview orally if he or she so desires, but it is the examiner's responsibility to make sure that the record is accurate and reliable. If there is any doubt, the examiner should record the interview in writing.

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Examiners are required to make a written record of each interview. Starting January 1, 1976 where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview, by calling the appropriate box, and filling in the blanks in neat hand-written form using a Ball point pen. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, determining whether or not an exhibit is admissible, or the context of a right made available under 35 U.S.C. 102(f), are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below.

The Interview Summary Form is to be given an appropriate paper number, placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" list of the file wrapper. The bucket and series register card need not be updated to reflect interviews. In a personal interview, the duplicate copy of the Form is removed and given to the applicant (or attorney, or agent, etc.) to close the interview. In the case of a telephonic interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either by first class mail or commercial registered mail. Correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or, if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the telephonic interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Serial Number of the application
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (personal or telephonic)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the claims discussed
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). (Agreements as to allowability are tentative and do not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.)
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview
- Names of other Patent and Trademark Office personnel present.

The Form also contains a statement reminding the applicant of his responsibility to record the substance of the interview.

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his obligation to record the substance of the interview in each case unless both applicant and examiner agree that the examiner will record same. Where the examiner agrees to record the substance of the interview, or when it is adequately recorded on the Form or in an attachment to the Form, the examiner should check a box at the bottom of the Form informing the applicant that he need not supplement the Form by submitting a separate record of the substance of the interview.

It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview:

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner. The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner,
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete or accurate, the examiner will give the applicant one month from the date of the notifying letter or the remainder of any period for response, whichever is longer, to complete the response and thereby avoid abandonment of the application (37 CFR 1.135(c)).

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

Applicant's summary of the interview should be carefully checked to determine the accuracy of any argument or statement attributed to the examiner during the interview. If there is an inaccuracy and it bears directly on the question of patentability, it should be pointed out in the next Office letter. If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth his or her version of the statement attributed to him. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should indicate in the margin to the right of the paper recording the substance of the interview and the date of the examination file.